REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims

Claims 4, 9, and 14-22 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-13 are pending.

The Examiner stated that Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-13 are allowed.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Besser et al. (6,633,085) in view of Chu et al. (6,881,669) further in view of Lopatin et al. (6,703,307). Claims 15-17 have been canceled.

The Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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